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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

THROUGH : Chief, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area

FROM : Chief, China and Asian Satellites Division

25X6 SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of [redacted] Missions C325C Flown on 28 May and C335C Flown on 27 May 1965.

1. This information is based on a preliminary field analysis of these missions and is subject to modification by NPIC. The two missions covered a large number of airfields and military installations in Southeast and South China, particularly within the Canton Military Region. No new missile facilities were disclosed. Chinese Communist jet fighters reacted to both missions but neither mission was actually attacked.

Airfields

2. Many of the important tactical air fields in the coastal area from the Taiwan Strait area south to Canton were covered. The three most important in this mission were Canton Nanhai, Leiyang, and Hsingning. At Canton Nanhai, 77 MIG 15/17 jet fighters were noted and two other probable MIG 15/17 types. This reflects an increase of 17-18 jet fighters at this base. No high performance MIG-19 or MIG-21 models were reported. Coverage of Leiyang disclosed 26 MIG-19's, 14 IL-28's and 2 light transports as well as two unidentified types. On [redacted] there were 33 MIG-19's and 14 IL-28's there. The decrease in the number of MIG-19's probably reflects their deployment to bases nearer the Sino-DRV border. Twenty MIG-15/17 jet fighters were

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photographed at Hsingning Airfield. SIGINT has recently indicated that there might be some MIG-19's there. A number of other airfields were covered--some could be identified only with no details discernible because of obliquity or poor photography--but no other significant developments were reported.

Military Barracks Areas, Depots, and Supply Areas

3. A large number of military barracks areas were covered in these two missions. For the most part no significant military activity was disclosed. However, the difficulty of detecting levels of military activity within barracks areas from photography has been well established. At Kuelin, which is about 200 miles northwest of Canton, 65 trucks and 7 artillery pieces were noted. [redacted] the area is believed to house an artillery unit since numerous artillery emplacements and revetments have been previously noted there.

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4. The Hengyang Ammunition Depot was covered. About 100 rail cars were noted there. This could be an indication of increased military shipments from that installation. In the Canton area, about 900 rail cars were noted in various rail yards and the field report indicates extensive shipping activity. Many other barracks areas and support areas were covered but most were reported as showing no change from [redacted]

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Naval Facilities

5. The Shantou Naval Base near Swatow and the Huangpu Naval Base near Canton were both covered. The field report indicates two probable destroyers at Shantou and one destroyer at Huangpu as well as 18 patrol craft and small river craft. The identification of these ships as destroyers is probably inaccurate and they are probably large patrol ships, possibly Kaibokan class. All of Communist China's four old destroyers (Gordij Class) and four Riga Class destroyer escorts are in the East and North Sea Fleet areas north of the Taiwan Strait.

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Miscellaneous

6. There appears to be a high level of activity at the Hengyang uranium ore concentration plant as evidenced by the presence there of 200 gondola type rail cars. [redacted]

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